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¶1. (SBU) On April 29, poloff delivered reftel points and non-paper to Ayman Aamiri, Deputy Director of the MFA's IO department, asking for Jordan's support in the deletion of article 30 of the FCTC as a limited amendment before final adoption at the upcoming World Health Assembly. On the same day, econoff delivered the same material to Jordan's Ministry of Health. As of May 8, the MFA told us that Jordan was still studying the materials and had not made a decision. Dr. Khalid Takhaineh of the MFA's IO Department commented that Jordan "would try to support the U.S. position" but noted that "what you are requesting is very difficult as it goes against the whole trend of international agreements since 1995." Poloff reiterated the importance of this issue to the USG, and again pointed to the precedent found in other framework conventions where the approach taken on reservations is silence. Dr. Takheineh promised to contact us again when the GOJ makes a decision.

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